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Group Art Unit 2837

Examiner Name Lockett, K.

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## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re PATENT APPLICATION of  
Naimish, R.  
Serial No. 09/765,174  
Filed: 01/18/01  
For: Guitar Bridge for Improved Sound Transfer

Group Art Unit: 2837  
Examiner: Lockett, K.

PETITION TO WITHDRAW HOLDING OF ABANDONMENT

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

The above identified application has been held abandoned as of December 17, 2003. The basis for this was Applicant's failure to timely file a proper reply to an Office Action dated November 20, 2002.

The Applicant respectfully petitions the Commissioner to withdraw the holding of abandonment.

As evidenced by the enclosed documents, the response was properly filed on February 13, 2003 and received in the Patent Office on February 14, 2003.

Copies of the following supporting documents are enclosed:

- The original Response, including Transmittal Form, Fee Transmittal Form, Credit Card Payment Form, and Amendment. Note that all forms were signed February 13, 2003.
- The Express Mail Post Office To Addressee label for the mailing of the Response, showing a Date In, affixed by the USPS, of February 13, 2003
- The US Postal Service delivery confirmation showing that the Response was delivered on February 14, 2003 and accepted by Derrick Mobley.
- A copy of Applicant's attorney's credit card statement showing that the fee authorized by the Credit Card Payment Form was charged February 14, 2003.
- A copy of the Fee History Statement, supplied by the USPTO Office of Finance, showing that payment of the above fee was entered into the RAM system on February 18, 2003.

The above documents clearly show that the response was both submitted to and received by the USPTO prior to the due date for the response. As such, Applicant respectfully requests that the holding of abandonment be withdrawn and that the response be accepted as originally filed.

Respectfully submitted,

*hms 29 '04*  
Date

*Thomas W. Hanson*  
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First Named Inventor **Naimish, Richard J.**  
Examiner Name **Lockett, K.**  
Group Art Unit **2837**  
Attorney Docket No. **Rob-N**

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107 490	207 245					Plant filing fee	
109 710	209 355					Non-English filing fee	
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103 18	203 9					Claims in excess of 20
102 80	202 40					Independent claims in excess of 3
104 270	204 135					Multiple dependent claim, if not paid
108 80	208 40					Reissue independent claims over original patent
110 18	210 9					Reissue claims in excess of 20 and over original patent

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127 50	227 25					Surcharge - late provisional filing fee or cover sheet	
139 120	139 130					Non-English specification	
147 2,520	147 2,520					For filing a request for ex parte reexamination	
112 820*	112 820*					Requesting publication of SUR prior to Examiner action	
113 1,840*	113 1,840*					Requesting publication of SUR after Examiner action	
116 110	216 55					Extension for reply within first month	
118 390	218 195					Extension for reply within second month	
117 690	217 445					Extension for reply within third month	
118 1,390	218 695					Extension for reply within fourth month	
128 1,890	228 945					Extension for reply within fifth month	
119 310	219 155					Notice of Appeal	
120 310	220 155					Filing a brief in support of an appeal	
121 270	221 135					Request for oral hearing	
138 1,510	138 1,510					Petition to institute a public use proceeding	
140 110	240 55					Petition to revive - unavoidable	
141 1,240	241 620					Petition to revive - unintentional	
142 1,240	242 620					Utility issue fee (or reissue)	
143 440	243 220					Design issue fee	
144 600	244 300					Plant issue fee	
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149 710	249 355					For each additional invention to be examined (37 CFR § 1.129(b))	
178 710	278 355					Request for Continued Examination (RCE)	
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AMENDMENT

Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks

Washington, DC 20231

Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated 11/20/02, please amend the application as indicated below.

Amendment - Clear Text version

In the Claims:

Cancel claims 9 & 10.

Replace claim 11 with:

11. (Once amended) An adjustable bridge for an instrument having plural strings, said bridge comprising:

- a) a base plate connectable to the body of the instrument, said base plate comprising a bottom plate adapted to contact the body of the instrument;
- b) plural adjusters, one for each string, each supported by said bottom plate, and each comprising:
  - i) an anvil,
  - ii) a saddle, pivotally supported by said anvil and defining a string groove adapted to receive the string; and

in) means for adjusting the relative angle of said anvil and said saddle about said pivot whereby the distance between said string groove and said anvil can be varied;

- c) plural length adjusting screws, one connecting each of said adjusters to a section of said base plate, whereby rotation of said screws relative to said adjusters moves said adjusters toward or away from said base plate section to separately adjust the length of each string;

wherein said bottom plate has a somewhat concave lower surface to adapt said bridge to stringed instruments having convex bodies.

Replace claim 12 with:

12. (Once amended) An adjustable bridge for an instrument having plural strings, said bridge comprising:

- a) a base plate connectable to the body of the instrument, said base plate comprising a bottom plate adapted to contact the body of the instrument;

- b) plural adjusters, one for each string, each supported by said bottom plate, and each comprising:
  - i) an anvil,
  - ii) a saddle, pivotally supported by said anvil and defining a string groove adapted to receive the string; and
  - iii) means for adjusting the relative angle of said anvil and said saddle about said pivot whereby the distance between said string groove and said anvil can be varied;
- c) plural length adjusting screws, one connecting each of said adjusters to a section of said base plate, whereby rotation of said screws relative to said adjusters moves said adjusters toward or away from said base plate section to separately adjust the length of each string;

wherein said bottom plate has a somewhat convex upper surface to position said adjusters in an arcuate pattern.

Replace claim 13 with:

13. (Once amended) An adjustable bridge for an instrument having plural strings, said bridge comprising:

- a) a base plate connectable to the body of the instrument;
- b) plural adjusters, one for each string, each comprising:
  - i) an anvil,
  - ii) a saddle, pivotally supported by said anvil and defining a string groove adapted to receive the string; and
  - iii) means for adjusting the relative angle of said anvil and said saddle about said pivot whereby the distance between said string groove and said anvil can be varied;
- c) plural length adjusting screws, one connecting each of said adjusters to a section of said base plate, whereby rotation of said screws relative to said adjusters moves said adjusters toward or away from said base plate section to separately adjust the length of each string.

wherein said base plate defines an open region in which said adjusters are positioned in direct contact with the instrument body.

Replace claim 14 with:

14. (Once amended) An adjustable bridge for an instrument having plural strings, said bridge comprising:

- a) a base plate connectable to the body of the instrument;
- b) plural adjusters, one for each string, each comprising:
  - i) an anvil,
  - ii) a saddle, pivotally supported by said anvil and defining a string groove adapted to receive the string; and
  - iii) means for adjusting the relative angle of said anvil and said saddle about said pivot whereby the distance between said string groove and said anvil can be varied;
- c) plural length adjusting screws, one connecting each of said adjusters to a section of said base plate, whereby rotation of said screws relative to said adjusters moves said adjusters toward or away from said base plate section to separately adjust the length of each string;

wherein each of said adjusters has a width and said base plate comprises two spaced apart parallel side rails defining therebetween a space having a width substantially equal to the combined width of said plural adjusters whereby said adjusters are closely received within said space with lateral movement of said adjusters substantially eliminated.



Amendment - Marked-up version

## In the Claims:

In the following, deletions are shown by strike-through (deletion) and additions by underlining (addition).

Claim 11 was amended as follows:

11. (Once amended) ~~The adjustable bridge of claim 10~~ An adjustable bridge for an instrument having plural strings, said bridge comprising:

- a) a base plate connectable to the body of the instrument, said base plate comprising a bottom plate adapted to contact the body of the instrument;
- b) plural adjusters, one for each string, each supported by said bottom plate, and each comprising:
  - i) an anvil,
  - ii) a saddle, pivotally supported by said anvil and defining a string groove adapted to receive the string; and
  - iii) means for adjusting the relative angle of said anvil and said saddle about said pivot whereby the distance between said string groove and said anvil can be varied;
- c) plural length adjusting screws, one connecting each of said adjusters to a section of said base plate, whereby rotation of said screws relative to said adjusters moves said adjusters toward or away from said base plate section to separately adjust the length of each string;

wherein said bottom plate has a somewhat concave lower surface to adapt said bridge to stringed instruments having convex bodies.

Claim 12 was amended as follows:

12. (Once amended) ~~The adjustable bridge of claim 10~~ An adjustable bridge for an instrument having plural strings, said bridge comprising:

- a) a base plate connectable to the body of the instrument, said base plate comprising a bottom plate adapted to contact the body of the instrument;

- b) plural adjusters, one for each string, each supported by said bottom plate, and each comprising:
- i) an anvil;
  - ii) a saddle, pivotally supported by said anvil and defining a string groove adapted to receive the string; and
  - iii) means for adjusting the relative angle of said anvil and said saddle about said pivot whereby the distance between said string groove and said anvil can be varied;
- c) plural length adjusting screws, one connecting each of said adjusters to a section of said base plate, whereby rotation of said screws relative to said adjusters moves said adjusters toward or away from said base plate section to separately adjust the length of each string;

wherein said bottom plate has a somewhat convex upper surface to position said adjusters in an arcuate pattern.

Claim 13 was amended as follows:

13. (Once amended) The adjustable bridge of claim 9. An adjustable bridge for an instrument having plural strings, said bridge comprising:

- a) a base plate connectable to the body of the instrument;
- b) plural adjusters, one for each string, each comprising:
  - i) an anvil;
  - ii) a saddle, pivotally supported by said anvil and defining a string groove adapted to receive the string; and
  - iii) means for adjusting the relative angle of said anvil and said saddle about said pivot whereby the distance between said string groove and said anvil can be varied;
- c) plural length adjusting screws, one connecting each of said adjusters to a section of said base plate, whereby rotation of said screws relative to said adjusters moves said adjusters toward or away from said base plate section to separately adjust the length of each string;

wherein said base plate defines an open region in which said adjusters are positioned in direct contact with the instrument body.

Claim 14 was amended as follows:

14. (Once amended) The adjustable bridge of claim 9. An adjustable bridge for an instrument having plural strings, said bridge comprising:

- a) a base plate connectable to the body of the instrument;
- b) plural adjusters, one for each string, each comprising:
  - i) an anvil
  - ii) a saddle, pivotally supported by said anvil and defining a string groove adapted to receive the string; and
  - iii) means for adjusting the relative angle of said anvil and said saddle about said pivot whereby the distance between said string groove and said anvil can be varied;
- c) plural length adjusting screws, one connecting each of said adjusters to a section of said base plate, whereby rotation of said screws relative to said adjusters moves said adjusters toward or away from said base plate section to separately adjust the length of each string;

wherein each of said adjusters has a width and said base plate comprises two spaced apart parallel side rails defining therebetween a space having a width substantially equal to the combined width of said plural adjusters whereby said adjusters are closely received within said space with lateral movement of said adjusters substantially eliminated.

Remarks

Reconsideration and further examination is respectfully requested. Claims 1-8 and 11-14 remain in the application and no claims have been added.

Applicant has invented a bridge for a guitar or other stringed instrument which provides individual height and length adjustment of each string. While this result has been achieved before, the inventive bridge achieves the result through an adjuster having a saddle and anvil which mate pivotally, preferably at a fulcrum and pivot groove. This pivotal connection is novel as is the use of a height adjustment screw which draws together the rear of the saddle and the anvil.

Claims 1-8 have been allowed; claims 9 & 10 have been rejected; and claims 11-14 were objected to as being dependent from a rejected claim but indicated as allowable if rewritten to remove the dependency.

35 USC §102(b) Rejection of Claims 9 & 10

The Examiner has rejected claims 9 & 10 under 35 USC 102(b) over US patent 6,133,551 to Hoshino. While Applicant still believes that Hoshino fails to disclose a pivotal support, he has decided to cancel these claims rather than pursue further prosecution.

Objection to claims 11-14

The Examiner has objected to claims 11-14 as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but stated that the claims would be allowable if rewritten in independent form.

Each of claims 11-14 has been rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations the claims from which they originally depended.

Summary

In summary, Applicant believes that all of the Examiner's objections have been addressed and that claims 1-8 as originally written continue to be allowable and that claims 11-14 as amended herein are now allowable. None of the claims has breadth greater than the original claims and no new material has been introduced.

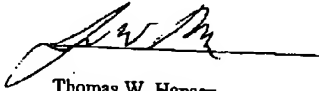
Applicant has made diligent effort to place the claims in condition for allowance. However, should there remain unresolved issues that require adverse action, it is respectfully requested that the Examiner telephone Mr. Thomas W. Hanson, Applicant's attorney at 303-789-1002 so that such issues may be resolved as expeditiously as possible.

For these reasons and in view of the above amendments, this application is now considered to be in condition for allowance and such action is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

Feb 13 '03

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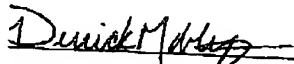


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Tamara M. Clare

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**Notice of Abandonment**

Application No.

09/765,174

Examiner

Kim R. Lockett

Applicant(s)

NAIMISH, RICHARD J.

Art Unit

2837


— The MAILING DATE of this communication appears on the cover sheet with the correspondence address—

This application is abandoned in view of:

1. ☒ Applicant's failure to timely file a proper reply to the Office letter mailed on 20 November 2002.
  - (a) ☐ A reply was received on \_\_\_\_\_ (with a Certificate of Mailing or Transmission dated \_\_\_\_\_), which is after the expiration of the period for reply (including a total extension of time of \_\_\_\_\_ month(s)) which expired on \_\_\_\_\_.
  - (b) ☐ A proposed reply was received on \_\_\_\_\_, but it does not constitute a proper reply under 37 CFR 1.113 (a) to the final rejection:
 

(A proper reply under 37 CFR 1.113 to a final rejection consists only of: (1) a timely filed amendment which places the application in condition for allowance; (2) a timely filed Notice of Appeal (with appeal fee); or (3) a timely filed Request for Continued Examination (RCE) in compliance with 37 CFR 1.114).
  - (c) ☐ A reply was received on \_\_\_\_\_ but it does not constitute a proper reply, or a bona fide attempt at a proper reply, to the non-final rejection. See 37 CFR 1.85(a) and 1.111. (See explanation in box 7 below).
  - (d) ☒ No reply has been received.
2. ☐ Applicant's failure to timely pay the required issue fee and publication fee, if applicable, within the statutory period of three months from the mailing date of the Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85).
  - (a) ☐ The issue fee and publication fee, if applicable, was received on \_\_\_\_\_ (with a Certificate of Mailing or Transmission dated \_\_\_\_\_), which is after the expiration of the statutory period for payment of the issue fee (and publication fee) set in the Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85).
  - (b) ☐ The submitted fee of \$\_\_\_\_\_ is insufficient. A balance of \$\_\_\_\_\_ is due.
 

The issue fee required by 37 CFR 1.18 is \$\_\_\_\_\_. The publication fee, if required by 37 CFR 1.18(d), is \$\_\_\_\_\_.
  - (c) ☐ The issue fee and publication fee, if applicable, has not been received.
3. ☐ Applicant's failure to timely file corrected drawings as required by, and within the three-month period set in, the Notice of Allowability (PTO-37).
  - (a) ☐ Proposed corrected drawings were received on \_\_\_\_\_ (with a Certificate of Mailing or Transmission dated \_\_\_\_\_), which is after the expiration of the period for reply.
  - (b) ☐ No corrected drawings have been received.
4. ☐ The letter of express abandonment which is signed by the attorney or agent of record, the assignee of the entire interest, or all of the applicants.
5. ☐ The letter of express abandonment which is signed by an attorney or agent (acting in a representative capacity under 37 CFR 1.34(a)) upon the filing of a continuing application.
6. ☐ The decision by the Board of Patent Appeals and Interference rendered on \_\_\_\_\_ and because the period for seeking court review of the decision has expired and there are no allowed claims.
7. ☐ The reason(s) below:

  
KIMBERLY LOCKETT  
PRIMARY EXAMINER

Kim R. Lockett  
Examiner  
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Petitions to revive under 37 CFR 1.137(a) or (b), or requests to withdraw the holding of abandonment under 37 CFR 1.181, should be promptly filed to minimize any negative effects on patent term.

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